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Excellent week for field work: New England averaged 6.0 days suitable for field work last week.

Another week of mild temperatures settled over New England, allowing farmers to work on various projects prior to colder temperatures setting in and "Fall fun" activities to be seized upon. Average weekly temperatures ranged from four to fifteen degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.00 to 0.39 inches. The harvest has finished for most crops except for some soybeans, cabbage, celery, leeks, herbs, and kale. In Massachusetts, the cranberry harvest was beginning to come to a close. Producers began to reflect on this season and plan for the upcoming markets next season. Farmers' markets have transitioned into winter crops. Field activities last week included manure and lime spreading, cleaning up fields, winterizing equipment, picking up plastic, and testing soils for the next season.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 8, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	12	78	9
SUBSOIL	1	17	77	5

Crop Conditions as of November 8, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	5	18	45	29	3
QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE	1	7	26	42	24

Crop Progress as of November 8, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week
CRANBERRIES (MA): HARVESTED	90
DRY HAY: 4th CUTTING	96
FALL TILLAGE: SINGLE	87
PEARS: HARVESTED	99

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November 8, 2015 New England Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
State	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Maine	Augusta_State_A	64	37	51	+9	0.01	1	29.50	+2.88	86	2418	+243	4348
	Bangor_Intl_Air	64	32	47	+7	0.06	2	21.60	-2.59	93	2267	+237	4125
	Bethel	71	34	50	+11	0.04	1	29.89	+0.85	80	2100	+175	3935
	Bridgton	68	31	49	+10	0.00	0	31.80	+2.52	75	2063	+333	3909
	Caribou_Municip	59	31	44	+9	0.39	4	23.63	-0.70	102	1950	+468	3652
	Dover-Foxcroft	57	29	43	+8	0.12	4	34.30	+6.82	106	2000	+493	3718
	Durham	64	33	49	+8	0.01	1	27.73	-0.04	91	2184	+194	4077
	East_Surry	61	28	47	+5	0.01	1	26.41	-1.19	85	1897	+10	3698
	Eustis	65	29	44	+10	0.14	2	24.49	-0.99	86	1557	+407	3133
	Frenchville	57	29	41	+7	0.22	3	22.48	-2.41	96	1666	+306	3281
	Harmony	62	32	47	+9	0.10	2	31.33	+4.33	100	2091	+324	3899
	Houlton	59	31	44	+9	0.25	3	29.18	+4.59	92	1920	+404	3619
	Livermore_Falls	66	32	48	+10	0.02	1	31.73	+2.66	84	2020	+486	3814
	Machias	61	33	46	+7	0.15	2	29.80	+0.51	87	1917	+437	3628
	Millinocket_Wtr	59	28	43	+6	0.20	3	33.18	+5.82	88	1848	+84	3501
	Moosehead	59	29	43	+9	0.39	5	28.82	+1.17	99	1818	+510	3493
	Portland_ME	69	35	53	+12	0.01	1	26.84	+0.06	71	2574	+635	4579
	Rangeley_2NW	65	27	45	+11	0.10	1	26.74	+0.18	99	1483	+181	3027
	Sanford	72	34	51	+9	0.00	0	24.88	-3.91	49	2480	+230	4382
	Topsfield_2	59	30	44	+7	0.35	4	32.56	+4.49	91	1994	+299	3708
	Turner	68	34	50	+8	0.00	0	30.70	+3.60	83	2310	-42	4192
	Wesley_2W	60	28	43	+4	0.25	2	34.50	+8.70	70	2055	+340	3775
	West_Rockport	63	34	49	+9	0.02	1	30.38	+0.91	87	2237	+415	4101
New Hampshire	Berlin_AG	72	32	49	+11	0.01	1	26.25	-0.77	92	1906	+244	3678
	Bradford_2	72	29	50	+9	0.00	0	25.74	-2.80	66	2105	+33	3936
	Colebrook	67	31	46	+11	0.21	3	32.91	+5.65	126	1613	+98	3241
	Concord	74	31	53	+13	0.00	0	24.21	+0.55	70	2853	+678	4823
	East_Milford	74	35	53	+11	0.00	0	24.47	-3.18	60	2668	+329	4636
	Epping	75	32	53	+11	0.00	0	21.29	-5.97	69	2646	+427	4588
	Errol_AP	70	29	46	+11	0.08	2	29.74	+4.21	99	1737	+373	3374
	Fitzwilliam	72	34	53	+13	0.00	0	26.74	-1.07	86	2632	+809	4582
	Greenville	72	34	53	+13	0.00	0	29.85	+2.04	54	2353	+530	4255
	Hancock	73	32	52	+11	0.02	1	35.17	+6.21	88	2313	+308	4189
	Jefferson	68	30	47	+10	0.02	2	33.46	+6.74	110	1977	+247	3748
	Keene_AG	73	30	51	+12	0.00	0	30.18	+3.71	73	2533	+441	4446
	Lakeport_2	69	35	52	+11	0.00	0	29.12	+2.65	70	2534	+250	4472
	Lebanon	74	32	52	+13	0.01	1	23.25	-0.34	76	2698	+672	4645
	North_Conway	73	33	51	+11	0.04	2	29.10	-0.38	89	2123	+122	3969
	Tamworth_4	68	31	47	+10	0.09	1	33.24	+1.41	86	1877	+314	3636
	Wolfeburro	70	34	51	+10	0.03	1	25.60	-0.87	76	2557	+273	4509
Vermont	Bennington_AP	74	31	53	+15	0.08	3	19.61	-12.08	77	2628	+964	4602
	Burlington_Intl	72	36	55	+14	0.09	2	28.99	+3.60	91	3020	+775	5007
	Corinth	67	32	47	+9	0.09	2	32.89	+8.99	90	1805	+8	3518
	Island_Pond	68	31	47	+12	0.12	3	31.82	+3.54	114	1861	+396	3551
	Johnson_2N	72	33	49	+12	0.13	2	32.20	+4.32	102	1875	+221	3638
	Marlboro_Raws	72	36	52	+15	0.02	1	28.36	+2.41	76	2330	+717	4220
	Montpelier_AP	73	34	51	+13	0.01	1	29.90	+6.00	102	2184	+387	4002
	Newport_AG	70	31	48	+10	0.37	4	32.65	+5.62	102	2064	-2	3793

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	Rochester	73	34	51	+12	0.04	2	30.06	-0.68	84	2251	+501	4116
	Rutland_AG	74	32	51	+10	0.01	1	25.57	-1.29	91	2268	+120	4143
	Springfield_VT	74	32	52	+13	0.00	0	22.67	-6.52	78	2555	+665	4480
	South_Lincoln	68	31	48	+13	0.11	3	31.34	-1.16	86	1815	+382	3538
	Sutton	66	30	47	+12	0.18	3	33.07	+4.79	117	1884	+419	3603
	Walden	68	28	44	+9	0.10	3	32.97	+4.69	115	1518	+53	3098
	Woodstock	73	31	50	+12	0.02	1	28.42	+1.81	72	2383	+470	4241
Massachusetts	Amherst	74	33	54	+12	0.00	0	11.55	-3.51	25	1320	-1057	2360
	Barre_Falls_Dam	72	31	51	+11	0.00	0	10.59	-3.64	29	965	-853	1910
	Bedford_Hanscom	76	34	56	+12	0.00	0	6.46	-7.40	26	1265	-1190	2260
	Beverly_Ag	75	37	55	+8	0.00	0	6.15	-7.86	24	816	-1884	1539
	Birch_Hill_Dam	72	32	51	+12	0.00	0	9.71	-3.72	22	1024	-818	1979
	Boston_Logan_In	76	44	60	+12	0.00	0	6.25	-6.17	23	1463	-1409	2505
	Chatham_AP	65	45	56	+9	0.33	2	10.55	-3.23	26	1194	-954	2233
	Chicopee_Westov	74	32	55	+13	0.00	0	6.51	-7.77	21	1271	-1106	2274
	Edgartown	69	41	57	+9	0.10	1	12.50	-0.56	19	996	-1463	1742
	East_Brimfield_	71	34	54	+12	0.00	0	8.52	-5.73	24	1151	-1022	2149
	Fitchburg	75	35	56	+12	0.00	0	7.45	-7.25	23	1400	-1086	2409
	Greenfield	73	34	52	+10	0.00	0	13.46	-2.51	35	1417	-960	2537
	Hyannis_AP	69	39	57	+11	0.30	3	10.28	-2.16	22	1263	-1094	2299
	Maynard	78	35	55	+12	0.02	1	10.51	-2.59	28	887	-1568	1595
	New_Bedford	72	35	55	+8	0.03	1	12.08	-1.85	19	1254	-1664	2285
	Newburyport	73	37	53	+9	0.00	0	7.42	-6.88	20	1105	-1381	2093
	North_Adams_Har	75	32	54	+15	0.00	0	10.24	-5.52	29	1125	-649	2097
	Norwood	75	30	55	+10	0.00	0	5.23	-8.07	21	1200	-1380	2195
	Pittsfield	70	32	53	+12	0.02	2	9.03	-6.36	27	1047	-947	2003
	Plymouth	71	35	56	+9	0.00	0	8.90	-6.12	17	1266	-1343	2294
	Taunton_4NW	72	36	56	+11	0.06	2	7.51	-7.69	24	1172	-1367	1970
	Westfield_Barne	76	32	56	+15	0.00	0	9.30	-5.37	18	1387	-650	2397
	West_Otis	72	35	53	+13	0.00	0	9.27	-2.02	20	768	-1173	1442
	Worcester	70	38	56	+14	0.00	0	7.48	-8.11	25	1250	-975	2243
	Worthington	72	33	51	+11	0.04	1	10.42	-4.93	32	916	-952	1839
Rhode Island	Newport_AP	68	42	58	+9	0.02	1	22.08	-4.01	63	3028	+453	5104
	Providence	73	39	57	+11	0.00	0	22.66	-4.13	56	3396	+596	5491
	Westerly-Wester	66	37	55	+9	0.10	1	21.26	-7.42	56	2942	+347	5002
	Woonsocket	74	38	56	+12	0.20	1	22.05	-7.24	55	3167	+623	5213
Connecticut	Bridgeport_Siko	71	41	57	+10	0.00	0	17.89	-9.30	61	3652	+677	5772
	Danbury_AP	75	33	55	+11	0.00	0	22.28	-10.38	59	3101	+469	5155
	Hartford_Bradle	76	35	57	+12	0.00	0	23.37	-5.53	69	3472	+637	5549
	Meriden-Meriden	73	35	56	+12	0.00	0	14.04	-18.91	51	3400	+811	5479
	Norfolk	69	36	52	+12	0.00	0	26.19	-7.37	76	2441	+500	4337
	Norwich	72	40	56	+11	0.11	1	19.94	-11.07	53	3264	+502	5327
	Staffordville	70	34	52	+10	0.05	1	27.31	-3.56	56	2524	+282	4458
	Thomaston_Dam	73	32	53	+12	0.02	1	23.29	-8.58	73	2935	+645	4935
	West_Thompson_L	70	34	52	+10	0.00	0	21.46	-9.59	59	2721	+450	4703
	Willimantic	74	35	56	+13	0.05	1	21.52	-9.35	61	3286	+1044	5348

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

CONNECTICUT

WINDHAM, Dawn S. Pindell

Warmer than usual weather in the 70s. Dry conditions continue. Combining corn, baling hay, spreading manure. Cleaning up vegetable covers and putting things away till next year.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK (Central), Larry James

Soybeans are being cut at this time. Yields are variable from north to south. It appears it will be a normal crop overall. Still a few operations doing fall tillage. Very poor potato prices, if you can find an order.

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

A warm November so far. Harvesting is done. Farmers are spreading manure.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

Field conditions remain great for fall farm activities. Some grain corn harvest has started in the area.

PISCATAQUIS/SOMERSET, Donna Coffin

Finishing up with manure spreading.

PISCATAQUIS/SOMERSET, Elaine S. Moceus

Great weather for extended grazing season with very mild temperatures in the 50s during the first week of November.

MASSACHUSETTS

ALL MA COUNTIES, Tom Smiarowski

Unseasonably warm temperatures over a three day period.

HAMPSHIRE/HAMPDEN, Heather Baylis

This was a week of unusually warm weather followed by a cool-down over the weekend. Farmers are enjoying the extra time to work on post-harvest projects. A few farmers are continuing to finish up harvests on crops like cabbage.

PLYMOUTH, Carolyn DeMoranville

Cranberry harvest is winding down. The second half of the week brought very warm weather.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CARROLL, Olivia Saunders

Winter CSAs and winter farmers' markets have started with barely a break between the summer markets. Crops are all in storage and farms are getting organized for winter.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

Unseasonably warm temperatures during the day with some nights receiving a light frost. Overall, it was a perfect week for farmers to finish up field work. Lots of manure was spread on many fields.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Fruit: Orchardists were busy marketing crops. Apple harvest completed with last apples harvested. Picking up apple drops was completed; however, some orchardists are flail mowing under trees and not worrying about the drop apples. Orchardists were getting ready to paint tree trunks. Also, spreading vole bait in orchards. Vegetables: Farmers are cleaning up fields and picking up plastic mulch, drip tape, trellis stakes and irrigation equipment. Additionally, they are soil testing fields for next season, spreading lime on fields, and cleaning and putting away farm equipment. Field Crops: Farmers are spreading manure and lime on fields, soil testing fields for next season, and cleaning and putting away farm equipment.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

Nice, sunny, warm week. Salad greens growing well, as well as root crops. Harvesting greens, Brussel sprouts, leeks, celery, radishes, small broccoli, carrots and red cabbage, and herbs. Apples and winter squashes and pumpkins available. Cleaning fields. Spreading lime and manure. Many winter farmers' markets opened this weekend.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Paul E. Brule

This past week has been like September weather. We had three days that hit 70 degrees or better. The rest were in the high 60s and the nights were in the 40s and 50s. Well, the farmers have finished up most of the harvesting other than the cabbage and kale. Just about all of the fields have been seeded down with rye for the winter. The biggest thing right now is farmers are cleaning their farm equipment and storing it for the winter months.

VERMONT

CALEDONIA, Daniel Hudson

The corn yield for this year was average, maybe a bit lower, but it is much better than last year and the corn all matured. The main challenge farmers had was heavy reliance on custom harvesters who sometimes showed up after the corn was drier than it should have been at harvest.

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Great weather in Franklin County this week and not a lot of field activity. Still some fall manure being spread with great weather to keep any runoff at a minimum. Fall cover crops are getting a great boost with the nice weather. Still some apples kicking around which will make for great deer hunting - tis the season.

ORLEANS, David Blodgett

The cropping season is essentially complete here. Some late fall manure spreading did occur last week. The weather remains pleasant for this time of year. Some farms still have cows on pasture but most of the cows' dry matter intake is coming from the barn. Soil moisture levels are optimum going into the winter.